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‘No words’

17 killed in Florida high school shooting

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Sixteen-year-old Jorge Zapata, a sophomore, hugs his mother, Lavinia Zapata, after a shooting that killed at least 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on Wednesday in Parkland, Fla. The suspected gunman was identified as a former student at the school.

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PARKLAND, FLA.

A gunman opened fire with a semiautomatic rifle at a Florida high school Wednesday, killing at least 17 people and sending scores of students fleeing into the streets in the nation’s deadliest school shooting since a gunman attacked an elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut.

The suspect was identified as Nikolas Cruz, a 19-year-old former student at the school.

The shooter, who was equipped with a gas mask and smoke grenades, set off a fire alarm to draw students out of classrooms shortly before the day ended at one of the state’s largest schools, officials said. He was armed with a semi-automatic AR-15 rifle, law enforcement officers said.

Authorities offered no immediate details on Cruz or any possible motive, except to say that he had been expelled for disciplinary reasons from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, which has about 3,000 students.

Frantic parents rushed to the school to find SWAT team members and ambulances surrounding the huge campus. Live television footage showed emergency workers who appeared to be treating the wounded on sidewalks.

“It is a horrific situation,” said Robert Runcie, superintendent of the school district in Parkland, about an hour’s drive north of Miami. “It is a horrible

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Report: Russian Twitter trolls stoked KKK fears at Mizzou

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On Nov. 11, 2015, after “#PrayforMizzou” started to trend on Twitter in the wake of student protests over racial issues at the University of Missouri, a Twitter user with the handle @Fanfan1911 dispatched a warning.

The Twitter user’s name was listed as Jermaine. And the message was sinister: “The cops are marching with the KKK! They beat up my little brother! Watch out!”

Attached was a photo of a black child with a bruised face.

The report was false, and the photo was of a child beaten by Ohio police a year before. But within minutes, the tweet had been shared and retweeted by

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Son says ICE is ‘playing God’ in his father’s case

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Lawrence scientist Syed Ahmed Jamal is back in the Platte County jail — two days after he was sent to Hawaii by Immigration and Customs Enforcement — and “in good spirits,” said his attorney.

At a news conference Wednesday in front of the jail, where Jamal’s family and several friends gathered, attorney Rekha Sharma-Crawford said they hope ICE will release Jamal pending what could a long legal process. The Board of Immigration Appeals will be asked to review his order of deportation.

“It could be several months easily before the BIA process is complete,” Sharma-Crawford said.

Meanwhile, the family is wishful that county authorities at the jail will allow Jamal’s

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Some senators reached an immigration deal as President Trump tried to undercut the proposal by threatening to veto. **2A**

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